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Dear Mr. Lord:

We feel paragraph 2, page 3 of the document submitted with your letter of July 28, 1975, concerning an agreement between Rio Algom Corporation and the Utah State Division of Health should be modified as follows:

It is to be anticipated that inspection and a nominal amount of maintenance of the site will be required in the public interest. This may include removal of accumulations of debris or obstruction in the bypass ditch and possibly repair of soil cover. To provide for such remedial work, Rio Algom will deposit with the Division of Health, of the State of Utah, \$50,000 at the time milling activity terminates. The Division of Health will not be responsible, by virtue of this arrangement, for any different procedure determined at a future time to be a final solution to the tailings pile problem.

The larger amount of deposit is felt necessary due to the continued inflationary trend of the economy and the amount of work that could be undertaken on inspection and maintenance of the pile with the investment income.

The last sentence of the proposed paragraph expresses Utah's inability to enter into a binding agreement that might require expenditure of public funds in a procedure, yet to be developed, to reach a final solution to the tailings pile problem.

Sincerely yours,

Lyman J. Olsen, M.D.
Director of Health

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